

REMARKS

Claims 54-78 are pending in the application. Claims 54-66 have been canceled and new claims 79-86 are presented. Claims 67-86 are now presented for further prosecution. No new matter is presented. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Terminal Disclaimers

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 and MPEP § 704.11(a) subsection G, Applicant has listed those patents and pending applications that are believed to have subject matter in common with the present application. The undersigned has made a reasonable effort to review those issued and pending applications, at the request of the Examiner, in order to comply with the statutory requirements. A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith which disclaims the term of any patent issuing on the present application that coincides with the term of the patents and patents issuing from the listed co-pending applications: U.S. Patent Nos. 6,595,912; 6,602,184; 6,612,978; 6,612,979; 6,663,558; 6,682,474; and 6,702,732; and U.S. Application Nos. 10/314,696; 10/287,723; 10/693,577; 10/705,989; 10/714,189; 10/754,174; 10/754,264; 10/788,791; 10/838,002; 10/865,086; 10/939,721; 10/967,955/ 10/974,237; 10/995,695; 10/793,549; 10/858,995; 10/964,420; 11/008,733; 11/012,833/ 11/051,823; 11/109,175; and 11/317,624.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 54, 55, and 64-66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Snyders (U.S. Patent No. 6,095,968). Further, claims 54, 55, and 64-66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Alferness. While Applicant disagrees with the rejection of the claims in view of the prior art, Applicant has elected to have the allowed claims pass to issue and further prosecute the

rejected claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, claims 54, 55 and 64-66 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of claims 67-78.

Claims 56-63 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 56-63 have been canceled and rewritten in independent form. The following chart lists the original claims that were combined and the corresponding new claims to assist the Examiner in examining the application.

<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Original Claims</u>
79	54 and 56
80	54 and 57
81	54 and 57 and 58
82	54 and 57 and 58 and 59
83	54 and 60
84	54 and 60 and 61
85	54 and 60 and 62
86	54 and 60 and 62 and 63

Conclusion

Claims 67-86 remain pending in the application. It is believed that all of the pending claims contain allowable subject matter and it is requested that the claims be passed to issue. If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of the application, the undersigned can be reached at (310) 824-5555.

Respectfully submitted,

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